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Captain Roddis is now on duty in Washington, D.C. as Editor of the U. S. Naval Medical Bulletin. This is a journal published by the government and is devoted to general and naval medicine. Founded in 1907, it was long the only and still is the leading journal of naval medicine in the Americas. This is Dr. Roddis' second tour as Editor. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with the class of 1913 and is a member of the old Sigma Chapter.

Dr. Roddis is a well-known medical historian, and is the biographer of Edward Jenner, the discoverer of smallpox vaccination, and William Withering, the great eighteenth century English physician, who introduced digitalis in the medical practice. He is the author of a recently published "History of Nautical Medicine" just printed by Hoeber. In addition, he has written a number of papers on medical and pharmaceutical history, including a series of biographies of the Surgeons General of the Navy.

In speaking of himself, he says that he is a "backwoods boy" who grew up on the shores of one of the most beautiful of the Minnesota lakes; but left fresh water for salt after receiving his M.D. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1913, when he was appointed an Assistant Surgeon in the Navy. He has served in most all parts of the world, both ashore and afloat and has the Mexican and Victory Medals. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association and many other professional and scientific societies.

Among them are the Minnesota Historical and Horticultural Societies, and he has written on the history of his native state, as well as on medical history. He has been an ardent amateur botanist and among his botanical writings is a leaflet on the Minnesota state flower, the lady's-slipper. Over 100,000 of these leaflets have been distributed to the school children of the state.

He is married to a Minnesota girl and a University of Minnesota coed. They were married in 1916 in the American Cathedral at Manila, Philippine Islands. Dr. and Mrs. Roddis have two sons, the oldest of which, like his father, is an officer in the Navy. This son graduated from Annapolis in 1939 at the head of his class.

A man's likes and dislikes often give a picture of his character and personality more graphic than anything else. From an old notebook from which there were written, Dr. Roddis has quoted a few:

Favorite Books - Pickwick Papers, Don Quixote, Irving's Alhambra, McCauley's History of England, Parkman's Montcalm and Wolf.

Favorite Poets - Longfellow, Whittier, and Tennyson.

Favorite States - Minnesota, California and Iowa.

Favorite Countries - Norway, England, and Scotland.

Favorite Time of Year.- October and November.

Favorite Neckties - Evening bows and Windsors.

Favorite Non-professional vocation (ones which would have been followed if he had not been a doctor) - Farming and railroading.

Favorite Articles of Clothing - Civilian -- Tweeds -- Hunting boots.

Favorite Naval Uniforms- White service "working"
Mess Jacket - "dress"

Favorite Girls - Norwegian and Scotch

Favorite Period in History - 18th Century.

Favorite Science - Botany

Favorite Wild Animals - Squirrel, fox and reindeer.

Favorite Domestic Animals - Collie dog, Shetland pony and sheep.

Favorite Guns - 22 lever action rifle, 30-30 Winchester rifle and 38 Colt revolver.

Favorite Professions - Medicine, Divinity, and Pharmacy.

Favorite Cities - Minneapolis, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and Shanghai, China.

Favorite Flowers - Peony, lady's-slipper (wild), fox-glove, and lilac.

Favorite Sports (Outdoor) - Tennis, riding, walking, baseball and hunting.

Favorite Sports (Indoor) - Backgammon, Cribbage, Chess, and Pinochle.

Favorite Hymns - "By Cool Siloams Shady Well", "Lily of the Valley" and "Rock of Ages".

Favorite Books of Bible - Old Testament, Proverbs -- New Testament, St. Luke.

Favorite Meal - Breakfast.

Favorite Colors - Scarlet, Blue and Yellow.

Favorite Fruits - Apple, currant, black raspberry, and orange.

Favorite Foods - Roast beef, green peas, and oyster stew.

Favorite Diseases to Deal with in Medical Practice - Acute contagious
diseases such as scarlet fever, measles, etc.; and malaria.

Favorite Surgery - Accident surgery and foreign bodies.